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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 392,300 IN AUGUST

Rhode Island employment increased by 4,000 jobs in August, due primarily to employees returning to work from unpaid vacations combined with new hires in Manufacturing. The overall employment rise would have been even greater but for a labor dispute involving approximately 2,200 Communication workers, which occurred during the month, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate 392,300 workers were employed in Rhode Island in mid-August. While this represents an increase over the July employment, on an annual comparison, August employment was down slightly by 400 jobs compared to the year ago employment level of 392,700.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment increased substantially by 6,600 jobs in August. The current total of 118,800 is the highest level since January, 1982, and is 800 greater than the total 118,000 reported a year ago this month. Within the Manufacturing sector, employment in the Durable Goods industries increased 1,800 over the month to 53,400. This total is 1,400 more than were employed in August, 1982. The Nondurable Goods total of 65,400 represents a monthly gain of 4,800 jobs, but is still down by 600 jobs compared to the one year ago total.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the largest monthly gain was recorded by Fabricated Metals (+700), followed by Instruments (+500) and Electrical Machinery (+200). Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Transportation Equipment all gained 100 jobs each during the month. Primary Metals employment remained unchanged from the July total. Compared to last August, Transportation Equipment (+1,100) and

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NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

The week of October 2-8, 1983 will mark the Thirty-Ninth observance of National Employ the Handicapped Week, an effort intended to draw the nation's attention to the millions of handicapped workers contributing to the economy. Further, the week also marks the Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of the amendment to the Federal legislation which formally established the program of services to handicapped persons in the public employment service, now referred to as the Job Service.

Announcing the 39th National Employ the Handicapped Week, Mary C. Hackett, Director of the R.I. Department of Employment Security, commends the record of many Rhode Island employers who take a positive approach to hiring and retaining handicapped workers.

During Fiscal Year 1983, 1,528 handicapped individuals sought employment through the Rhode Island Job Service system of local offices; of this number over 32 percent – 492 – were placed in jobs. In the past 39 years the Job Service has accentuated the positive – that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers wishing to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their job openings with the Rhode Island Job Bank-call 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. A listing of Job Service offices appears on page two of this Bulletin.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982
Total Placements	2,914	2,152	2,536
New Applications	4,843	3,913	4,964
New Openings Rec'd.	4,608	3,133	3,477

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	% Change July 1983
Initial Claims	10,201	16,394	- 37.8
No. of Payments	70,154	70,647	- 0.7
Amt. of Payments	$ 7,301,578	7,384,303	- 1.1
Exhaustions	1,447	1,600	- 9.6

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	August 1983	July 1983
Initial Claims	1,665	2,079
No. of Payments	18,251	27,905
Amount of Payments	$ 1,961,849	$ 2,865,582

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	483.0	480.8	489.6
Unemployment	37.5	44.5	53.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	9.3	10.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.5	8.2	10.5

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982
Civilian Labor Force	470.5	469.6	480.3
Unemployment	44.8	41.6	58.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.5	8.9	12.2

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982
Civilian Labor Force	37,620	36,840	35,570
Unemployment	1,805	2,070	2,045
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	5.6	5.7

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982
Civilian Labor Force	16,610	15,720	15,930
Unemployment	1,230	1,100	1,275
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.4	7.0	8.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND

August 15 - 19, 1983

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
Total	17,098	100.0
Men	6,770	39.6
Under 45	4,678	69.1
45 and Over	2,092	30.9
Women	10,328	60.4
Under 45	5,767	55.8
45 and Over	4,561	44.2
INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT		
Construction	944	5.5
Manufacturing	5,869	34.3
Public Utilities	828	4.8
Wholesale and Retail	2,165	12.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	581	3.4
Service	4,939	28.9
All Other	1,772	10.4
OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS		
Prof., Tech. & Managerial	3,065	17.9
Clerical & Sales	3,225	18.9
Service	2,441	14.3
Fishery, Forestry & Processing	44	0.3
Machine Trades	697	4.1
Bench Work	1,336	7.8
Structural Work	2,353	13.8
Miscellaneous	1,278	7.5
INA	1,671	9.8
	988	5.8

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982	July 1983	Aug. 1982
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	392.3	388.3	392.7	+ 4,000	- 400
MANUFACTURING	118.8	112.2	118.0	+ 6,600	+ 800
NONMANUFACTURING	273.5	276.1	274.7	- 2,600	- 1,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.2	13.2	12.6	-	+ 600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	10.6**	12.8	13.1	- 2,200	- 2,500
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	80.2	80.0	79.4	+ 200	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.5	21.4	21.3	+ 100	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.6	91.7	90.5	- 100	+ 1,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.4	57.0	57.8	- 600	- 1,400

1982 Figures REVISED. 1983 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982	July 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1982
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.8	112.2	118.0	+6600	+ 800	$267.65	$251.17	38.4	37.6	$6.97	$6.68
DURABLE GOODS	53.4	51.6	52.0	+1800	+1400	304.58	281.23	39.3	37.8	7.75	7.44
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.5	2.7	+ 100	- 100	284.80	256.04	39.5	34.6	7.21	7.40
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.1	2.1	+ 100	+ 100	375.83	233.42	43.1	28.5	8.72	8.19
PRIMARY METALS	6.6	6.6	6.9	0	- 300	326.27	287.12	41.3	38.8	7.90	7.40
FABRICATED METALS	9.7	9.0	9.7	+ 700	0	235.76	244.99	35.4	38.4	6.66	6.38
NON-ELECTRIC MACH.	7.0*	6.9*	7.4*	+ 100	- 400	358.78	334.15	39.6	38.9	9.06	8.59
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.1	10.9	10.3	+ 200	+ 800	261.69	234.70	39.0	36.5	6.71	6.43
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.1	8.1	+ 100	+1100	346.24	361.09	38.6	41.6	8.97	8.68
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	4.5	4.8	+ 500	+ 200	303.26	255.53	43.2	37.8	7.02	6.76
NONDURABLE GOODS	65.4	60.6	66.0	+4800	- 600	239.77	228.14	37.7	37.4	6.36	6.10
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 100	+ 200	193.57	268.11	34.2	40.5	5.66	6.62
TEXTILES	11.0	10.2	11.2	+ 800	- 200	246.64	229.68	40.3	39.6	6.12	5.80
APPAREL	3.0	2.7	3.1	+ 300	- 100	213.33	201.63	37.1	38.7	5.75	5.21
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.4	2.4	+ 100	+ 100	240.09	240.40	38.6	40.0	6.22	6.01
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.7	5.8	0	- 100	389.00	319.11	38.9	35.3	10.00	9.04
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 100	- 100	347.82	331.30	37.4	39.3	9.30	8.43
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0	277.33	277.38	38.2	40.2	7.26	6.90
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.8	4.6	4.6	+ 200	+ 200	266.85	267.15	38.9	40.6	6.86	6.58
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.1	3.0	2.6	+ 100	+ 500	206.32	178.41	39.6	38.7	5.21	4.61
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.9	18.9	22.8	+3000	- 900	200.75	202.61	36.7	37.8	5.47	5.36
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.4	5.7	+ 100	- 200	221.00	149.21	34.0	24.5	6.50	6.09

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Electrical Machinery (+800) posted the largest increases. Instruments (+200) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100) were also up over one year ago. Annual decreases were reported by Nonelectrical Machinery (-400), Primary Metals (-300), and Lumber/Furniture (-100).

All industries in the Nondurable Goods sector recorded either a job gain or were unchanged from July to August. The largest monthly increase was reported in Jewelry-Silverware (+3,000) followed by Textiles (+800), Apparel (+300), and Plastics Products (+200). Also, monthly gains of 100 jobs each were recorded in Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Leather Products, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. There were mixed annual changes in this sector. Increases were reported in Leather Products (+500), Food-Beverage (+200), Plastics Products (+200) and Paper Products (+100), while decreases have occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-900), Textiles (-200), Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-200), Apparel, Printing-Publishing, and Chemical Products (-100 each).

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing categories declined sharply by 2,600 jobs from the July total, due primarily to the effects of a labor dispute in the Public Utilities sector. The current total of 273,500 is 1,200 jobs below that reported one year ago.

Within the Nonmanufacturing group, both monthly and annual gains were posted in Trade, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. The former, at 80,200 was up 200 for the month and 800 from last August, while the latter, at a current level of 21,500, was up 100 from July and 200 jobs compared to one year ago.

As a result of a labor dispute during the August reporting period, employment in Transportation & Public Utilities fell by 2,200 jobs to a total of 10,600 for the month and was down 2,500 from the year earlier figure. Overall Government employment, reflecting the impact of an early retirement program for state workers, declined by 600 jobs over the month to a total of 56,400 in August — 1,400 fewer than the one year ago figure. Employment in the Service category also showed a monthly job loss, falling slightly by 100 to an August total of 91,600. This figure does, however, represent a gain of 1,100 over the level of August, 1982. Similarly, while no monthly change was reported in Contract Construction employment, the August total of 13,200 remained 600 above the figure recorded one year ago this month.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers increased by 3 cents to $6.97 in August, and was up 29 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week declined by 0.6 of an hour in August to 38.4 hours — still, however, 0.8 of an hour more than the comparable one year ago figure. Average weekly earnings for these production workers amounted to $267.65 in August. While this represents a drop of $3.01 compared to the July average, it is up $16.48 from the one year ago figure.

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